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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed May 20, 2024

*Mark X. Mullin*  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
FORT WORTH DIVISION

IN RE:

CASE NO.: 23-41381-MXM-13

**MARTIN ROMERO**  
1801 PROVINE ST  
FORT WORTH, TX 76103  
SSN/TIN: XXX-XX-6960

DEBTOR

**ORDER CONFIRMING CHAPTER 13 PLAN, VALUING COLLATERAL,**  
**ALLOWING DEBTOR'S ATTORNEY'S FEES, PROVIDING FOR A TRUSTEE'S**  
**RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING CLAIMS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS**  
**(WITH REVISIONS TO THE PLAN AS SPECIFIED HEREIN)**

On this day came for consideration confirmation of Debtor's Chapter 13 Plan filed on March 20, 2024. The Court FINDS:

That the Plan should be confirmed based on the resolution of disputed issues by stipulation, letter agreement, or agreed order which has been incorporated into the terms of this order;

That twenty-eight (28) days' notice was appropriately given to all creditors;

That the Debtor's Chapter 13 Plan ("Plan") complies with all applicable provisions of Title 11 of the United States Code;

That any fee, charge, or amount required under the United States Code or by the Plan to be paid before Confirmation has been paid;

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That the Plan has been proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law;

That the value, as of the effective date of the Plan, of property to be distributed under the Plan on account of each unsecured claim is not less than the amount that would be paid on such claim if the estate of the Debtor was liquidated under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Code on such date;

That, with respect to each allowed secured claim provided for by the Plan - (1) the holder of such claim has accepted the plan or (2) the Plan provides (a) that the holder of such claim retain the lien securing such claim until the earlier of the payment of the underlying debt determined under nonbankruptcy law or discharge under § 1328 and, if the case is dismissed or converted without completion of the Plan, such lien shall also be retained by such holder to the extent recognized by applicable nonbankruptcy law and (b) the value, as of the effective date of the Plan, of property to be distributed under the Plan on account of such claim is not less than the allowed amount of such claim and (c) if the property to be distributed is in the form of periodic payments, such payment shall be in equal monthly amounts and, if the holder of the claim is secured by personal property, the amount of such payment is not less than an amount sufficient to provide the holder of such claim adequate protection during the period of the plan or (3) the Debtor surrenders the property securing such claim to the holder.

That the action of the Debtor in filing the petition was in good faith;

That the Debtor has paid all amounts that are required to be paid under a Domestic Support Obligation that first became payable after the date of the filing of the petition, if the Debtor is required by a judicial or administrative order or by statute to pay such Domestic Support Obligation;

That the Debtor has filed all applicable Federal, State, and local tax returns as required by §1308 of Title 11 of the United States Code;

That no objection to Confirmation has been filed by the Standing Chapter 13 Trustee or any unsecured creditor, or if so, that as of the effective date of the Plan - (a) the value of the property to be distributed under the plan on account of such claim is not less than the amount of such claim or (b) the Plan provides, at a minimum, that all of the Debtor's projected disposable income to be received in the applicable commitment period beginning on the date that the first payment is due under the Plan will be applied to make payments to unsecured creditors under the Plan.

That Confirmation of the Debtor's Plan and the Valuation set forth therein have been recommended by the Standing Chapter 13 Trustee; and

That no further operating reports are necessary or required to be filed with the Standing Chapter 13 Trustee.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Debtor's Chapter 13 Plan filed on or about March 20, 2024 is confirmed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Debtor shall pay the following:

TO THE TRUSTEE THE SUM OF \$435.00 PER MONTH FOR 8 MONTHS; \$670.00 PER MONTH FOR THE NEXT 7 MONTHS; \$845.00 PER MONTH FOR THE FINAL 45 MONTHS FOR A TOTAL OF \$46,195.00 IN 60 MONTHS.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Debtor's first plan payment to the Trustee is due 30 days from the date of filing the Bankruptcy Petition or converting to Chapter 13, if applicable, and shall be due monthly thereafter.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that allowed non-priority unsecured claims will be paid pro rata no less than the greater of (1) an unsecured creditor's pool of \$0.00, or (2) the value of Debtor's equity in non-exempt property of \$249,437.89 reduced by the payment of allowed administrative expenses and allowed priority claims.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if applicable, cause exists to extend the term of the Plan beyond 36 months but not more than 60 months.

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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Debtor's attorney, DAVIS ERMIS AND ROBERTS, is allowed a total fee of \$4,250.00, with \$3,588.00 to be paid through the Plan by the Trustee unless additional fees are allowed during the case.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that for purposes of distribution under the Plan and §§ 506 and 1325 (a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, the **value** of collateral securing any claim herein, **annual percentage rate** and **treatment** of the claim secured thereby is as set forth in Section I, Paragraphs "E", "F", and "G" of the Debtor's Chapter 13 Plan (containing a Motion for Valuation) herein confirmed, except:

CREDITOR NAME	COMMENT	CLAIM AMOUNT	COLL. VALUE	ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE	TREATMENT (Monthly Payment, Direct, Surrender, Late Filed or ProRata)	MORTGAGE MONTHS IN PLAN
TARRANT COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	900 CONNOR AVE/23	\$3,149.46	\$139,186.00		Direct	
TARRANT COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	HOMESTEAD/23	\$4,599.66	\$357,632.00	12.00%	ProRata	
TARRANT COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	BPP/4820 WICHITA ST/23	\$640.47	\$28,305.00	12.00%	ProRata	
TARRANT COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	4816 WICHITA ST/23	\$5,859.78	\$258,965.00	12.00%	ProRata	
TARRANT COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	BPP/4816 WICHITA ST/23	\$273.81	\$11,000.00	12.00%	ProRata	

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases shall be treated as set forth in Section I, Paragraph "K" of the Debtor's Chapter 13 Plan (containing a Motion for Valuation) herein confirmed, except:

§ 365 Party	ASSUME/ REJECT	CURE AMOUNT	TERM (APPROXIMATE)	TREATMENT
		\$0.00		

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the valuation of collateral subject to a 910 claim or listed as "Direct" is not res judicata, collateral estoppel or law of the case as to any party.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if a Claim is not paid during the term (Approximate) shown in Section I, Paragraphs D.(1), D.(3), E, H and or I of the Plan, the Trustee shall continue to pay the Claim until it is paid in full.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Trustee is authorized to receive, endorse and apply to any delinquent payments under the Plan, any Income Tax Refund payable to the Debtor during the pendency of this case, and apply any Income Tax Refund in excess of \$2,000.00 per year pro rata to the Debtor's allowed general unsecured creditors, per the Standing Order Concerning All Chapter 13 Cases ("General Order"). Further, and regardless of any Income Tax Refund amounts due to the Debtor or received by the Trustee, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the Debtor shall provide a copy of their federal income tax return to the Trustee within 14 days of filing such during the term of the Plan.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** in addition to the provisions of Section II, paragraph T of the Plan, that unless otherwise ordered by the Court, unscheduled and/or undisclosed property as well as after acquired property pursuant to § 1306(a)(1) shall not re-vest in Debtor upon confirmation.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Debtor shall not dispose of or encumber any non-exempt property prior to discharge without consent of the Trustee or order of the Court after notice to the Trustee and all creditors.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Standing Chapter 13 Trustee is hereby discharged from any liability from the operation of the Debtor's business and from any further duty to investigate the business of the Debtor or to require further operating reports from the Debtor.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that pursuant to the General Order, as soon as practicable after the governmental

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claims bar date, the Trustee shall prepare and serve on Debtor, Debtor's counsel, all creditors who were scheduled, all creditors who filed claims and any party that has filed a Notice of Appearance, a Trustee's Recommendation Concerning Claims ("TRCC") and notice of hearing and pre-hearing conference thereon. The TRCC may be deemed in part to be an Objection to Claims. Objections to the TRCC shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the TRCC. Unless an Objection is timely filed as to the amount or class of any claim, the claim will be allowed or approved only as described in the TRCC, and such amount and any class designation will be binding on all parties without further order of the court. All unresolved objections to the TRCC shall be deemed waived if not timely filed or if the proponent of any such objection fails to attend the Trustee's pre-hearing conference or give the Trustee prior written notice that a hearing is necessary.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that nothing herein or in the Plan shall determine the **allowed amount** or **class** of any claim which matters are hereby reserved until after the applicable claims bar date and after the Trustee's Recommendation Concerning Claims has been filed. Valuation of collateral, interest rate, and treatment of claims shall be as provided in the Plan or herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the "applicable commitment period" under Section 1325 shall be 60.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that priority and unsecured creditors shall receive interest at the legal rate from the petition date (priority first, then unsecured second) to the extent of Debtor's equity in non-exempt property, less trustee's fees, exceeds the principal amount of allowed priority and unsecured claims, pursuant to §§ 1325 (a)(4) and 726(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### END OF ORDER ###